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This is in response to the "Request for Correction to Patent Application Publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b)," which was received on February 22, 2005, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the publication, as the Office listed the inventor's surname as "Dong" rather than "Zhao."

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.<sup>1</sup>

The instant request does not identify a material mistake in the publication made by the office under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The application was correctly published with the inventor's name (Zhao Wei Dong) as listed in the Declaration filed August 7, 2003, and provided on the Filing Receipt mailed on November 5, 2003.

Applicant is reminded of his duty to conduct a reasonable inquiry before filing a paper before the Office. See MPEP 410.

<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

Applicant's request for a Corrected Publication on February 22, 2005, may constitute a "failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application." See 1.704(c). This determination will be made on or after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

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